

I am writing you today to express my extreme objection to petition 04-160 brought forth by the National Association of Broadcasters. The whole focus of the NAB is protectionism of the free AM & FM radio stations in the United States. But unfortunately they don't realize that Satellite radio is their competition, and thus they should attempt to increase the attractiveness of their AM & FM programming to compete -- just like every other market in the country.

Why should I have to listen to awful programming and an extremely high number of commercials on my local AM radio station, when instead I could pay for XM satellite radio, which has the ability to broadcast weather and traffic (not localized -- all channels are broadcast across the united states).

I pay for XM radio because the free AM & FM stations around my home offer horrible programming and play too many commercials.

If these local stations could learn to compete, by offering better programming, and less commercials, then I might consider listening to AM or FM. But since they have no intention of trying to compete with XM, and instead they want to have the government protect them, I will not listen to AM & FM any more.

Please do the right thing and do not allow the special interests of broadcasters to limit the services that I pay for as an XM subscriber.

Sincerely,
Cody Watkins
Non-US citizen.